CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 25X1 COUNTRY Bust Germany DATE DISTR. 9 December 1954 SUBJECT Structure and Personalities of the Frauenband NO. OF PAGES PLACE 25X1 NO. OF ENCLS. **ACQUIRED** DATE OF SUPPLEMENT TO INFO. REPORT NO. 25X1 THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION The official figure used constantly in functionary circles of the Democratic Women's League of Germany (Demokratischer Frauenbund Deutschlands-DFD) for DFD membership is 1.2 million. The strongest Rezirke are allegedly Chemnitz and Halle. The three Bezirke in the former Land Brandenburg are said to be the most backward in both membership recruitment and DFD work. 25X1 The exact designation for the DFD offices and organizations on the various levels is: Kreis, or Bezirk, organization of the DFD. One never refers to a Kreis-or Bezirk-leitung. 3. The Bundessekretariat of the DFD is located in Berlin NW 7, Clara-Zetkin Str. 16, Haus der Frau. About 120 persons, including technical workers, are employed in the Bundessekretariat. The elected members of the Bundessekretariat are as follows: 25X1 First chairwoman Ilse Thiele Deputy chairwoman Wilhelmine Schirmer-Proescher Bundessekretaerin for Agitation Margot Reuter for All-Germany Elli Berguer for Training Lucie Eggebrecht for Culture (until June 1954) Hilde Naumann * (as of June 1.954) Doris Roth German secretary of the IDFF (Internationale Demokratische Frauen-Föderation) and chairman of the Volkskommer Traktion Erna Schaefer Pirst Secretary of the Bezirk organization of the DFD in Berlin Hilde Schwarz . Editor-in-chief of the publication Frau von Heute Ursula Wohlenberg Office of the Secretariat Hedwig Wagenknecht (This office has two secretaries) CLASSIFICATION

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The seki	following is a listing of the various department retariat, and the department heads where known:	nts of the Bundes-	
for on were	International Relations Department: The department chief was Luise Ernst. One of I department was Lucie Lowag. This department it tion of First Chairwoman Thiele. Its main dutormodations for foreign delegations and the main right women's organizations. This department has the organizing of women's delegations for trips of discussed in the Secretariat; however, the demands that the Central Committee.	s under the direct, ies included the har ntenance of relation d no noticeable infi abroad. Recommend.	jurisdic- ndling of ns with luence ations
b.	Finance and Business Department As of August 1954, this department had no chief		
C.	Agitation Department The department head was Marianne Scholz There was a total of four political func	tionaries in the de	25X1
d.,	Labor and Health Affairs Department This department was dissolved in 1952. Up to head had been Erna Schaefer.	that time, the depa	rtment
e.	Training Department The department head was Edith Liebig. Also we Friedel Bube publishing of the functionaries periodical Le connection, Gisela Glaeser acts as editor-in-	ment is responsible men und Handeln. I	for the 25X1
f.	Cadre Department No information available.	•	
g.	Department for All-Germany The department head was Milli Boehlke		25X1
h,	Organization Instructor Department Department head was EvoaUschmann, Sector incl information, organizational set-up, membership	luded; organization, books, and statist	instructors,
of	Press and Radio Department In this department are employed three women wh liaison between the DFD and the press and radi the scope of this department's duties to direct the opother direct press work of the organization the DFD rests in the hands of the Agitation Department's also.	to. It is not however the publication E on. Control of the	ver within Frau von periodical
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- K. Gulture and Education Department
 The department head was Erna Kran-Iderse.
- 1. Attached organizationally to the Bundessekretarist is the Secretariat of the German Collective for the Protection of Children, headed by Liselotte Otting, LDP (Liberal Demokratische Partei) member.

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alaw ye.	Except for Erna Schaefer, Liselotte Otting, and Wilhelmine Schiremer-Proescher who came to the Haus der Frau only once weekly (usually Monday) to attend the meeting of the Secretariat, all of the employees of the Fundessekretariat were markly s of the SED.	
	Personalities	25 X
6.	Use Thiele: Her husband, allegedly an electricien by wester was said to he outly od as a cadre chief in the administration in a Berlin Bushris. Deriving last years of the war, Ilse and her husband had lived in Lucheburg and moved to Perlin in 1946. She has two children.	
7.	Willelmine Schirmer-Proescher: IDP (Liberal-Demokratische Partei) member; native of Berlin; member of the Democratic Party up to 1933; lived in Berlin-Terpelhof until 1949; owner of a pharmacy (Drogerie). She lost both her husbanc her son during World War II.	ınd
8.	Marjot Reuter: member of the Bundesvorstand of the DFD sire 1949; member of the Secretariat since 1952; in 1954 was a member of the National Council of the National Front. She is married to Karl-Ernst Reuter of the Central Committee of the SED. She came from the FDJ and was active in the Junge Pioniere" Section of the FDJ Central Council until 1949. In early 1954, the was supposed to attend a one-year course at the Party Academy (Parteihochichule). Nevertheless, she was refused because of her petit-bourgeois back-	9 4,
9.	ground. Elli Bergner: comes from proletarian circles; her father still	25X1
	works as a mason. She is single, living with her parents in the Stalinallee. She was formerly a laborer herself, but has been a member of the DFD since	
***.	Its founding and a member of the Secretariat since 1951. She had worked in the department which she now heads before 1951. She is also a member of the SPC-Leitung.	be ·
10.	Lucie Eggebrecht: she comes from proletarian circles and	¹ 25 X 1
,	considered the sharpest member politically of the Bundessekretariat. She	Her
3.1., -	Hilde Naumann: the Bundessekretaerin for Culture Entil June 1954 She had worked in this cap since the fall of 1953. Prior to that, she had been active in the Bezirk	
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12.	Doris Roth: successor to Naumann. From 1949 to 1951 she was a department head in the Landesvorstand Sachsen (DFD). Subsequent to that, she studied sociology in Leipzig, graduating in 1954.	25X1
13.	professional training; member of the DFD since its founding. From 1959 she was active in main office work in the DFD in Sachsen. After the administrati reform, she became First Secretary of the DFD in Bezirk Karl-Marx-Stadt. She	-
	has been a member of the Secretariat since 1953.	25X1
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14.	Erna Schaefer: Member of the CFO(Ghristlich-Demokratische		25 X 1			
	She has been a member of the DFD and of the Bundesvox					
	was head of the Labor and Health Affairs Department until 1 the German Secretary of the IDFF since 1953.					
15.	Hilde Schwarz; has been a member of the DFD s	dnce its founding	ູ25 X 1			
	and active since 1949 in various ord functions. In 1955 se	e rebraced rrse	25 X 1			
	Thiele as First Secretary of the Bezirk organization in Ber	lin.				
16.	Ursula Wohlenberg: trained kindergarten teache 1933; however she did no illegal organizing during the Nazi	period. Formerl				
	she was in close relationship with Kuckhoff (fnu) who at the	at time was 2				
	dramatist with the Schiffbauerdamutheater and afterwards he					
	schaftlicher Institut in Weimar. Wohlenberg is not married fathered by Kuckhoff. After 1945 she was active in Halle,					
	being that of head of the Agitation Department of the SED I					
	Falle. In 1952 she became deputy editor-in-chief and in ea	rly 1953 was offi	ci-			
	ally made editor-in-chief of the publication Frau von Heute	2.				
17.	Lucie Lowac (or Lowak): Her husband formerly worked as the chief of the Tribuene.	deputy editor-in-				
10	Mandania Sahalir (no Creary)	has been in the	25 X 1			
18.	Marianne Scholz (née Gross) She Haus der Frau since at least 1951;	during the Nazi				
	period was a leader in the BDM (Bund Deutscher Maedel). Her husband is a					
	Vopo officer.					
10	Edith Liebig: listed in the Volkskammer	lista of 1050	25 X 1			
19.	Edith Liebig:listed in the Volkskammer as "Neubecuerin".	TT000 OF TAN				
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20,	Milli Boehlke: KPD member before 1933;	emigrant from the	25 X 1			
	USSR; her children are allegedly living in the USSR.		25 X 1			
21.	Erna (1) Upchmann: attended a one-year	course at the Par				
turn hiller (*	Academy (Parteihochschule) in 1953. She has been in the He	aus der Frau since				
	at least 1951, first as an instructor and later as a depart					
00	Turne Reserved to Bermander land of the Busine and Bodd's Berna	and the companies				
22.	Irene Krzowasik: Formerly head of the Press and Radio Departin the All-German Committee (Ausschuss -?) or some other in		•			
	is concerned with work with the West (Westarbeit).	was was was the results with				
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23.	Erna Kran-Lierse: has been in the Haus	der Frau since	25 X 1			
	at least 1949.					
24.	In the Central Office of the DFD are a Party Secretary of appearances, a representative of the SSD.	the SED and, to al	.1			
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	Comment. Ilse Thiele was elected to the Central SED at the Fourth Party Congress on 6	April 1954.				

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